

As a communications industry student with an M.A. in the field, who has studied the issues involved here in depth, my question to the commission is simply, "what actual good do you think this will do?" Can you all actually, with straight faces, say that the nation and consumers are being hurt because media ownership is not more concentrated? That more concentration and mergers would actually help solve an existing problem? What is that existing problem then? That they don't own big enough market shares already to show even halfway decent programming? Chairman Powell, why don't you just hurry us along and get rid of every single piece of regulation relating to the media industries? Why not get rid of all of it? Let's have total laissez-faire, market economics on the communications front. Bravo Chairman Powell, you are brilliant. And you certainly didn't get this job because of your family connections. How do you sleep at night?